

# IMPORTANT PUMP WARNING AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

This guide provides installation and operation instructions for the SeaFlo® Pump. Consult Lifeguard Aquatics for questions regarding this equipment.

**Attention Installer:** This guide contains important information about the installation, operation and safe use of this product. This information should be given to the owner and/or operator of this equipment after installation or left on or near the pump.

**Attention User:** This manual contains important information that will help you in operating and maintaining this product. Please retain it for future reference.

## READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS



This is the safety alert symbol. When you see this symbol on your system or in this manual, look for one of the following signal words and be alert to the potential for personal injury.

### **⚠ DANGER**

Warns about hazards that can cause death, serious personal injury, or major property damage if ignored.

### **⚠ WARNING**

Warns about hazards that may cause death, serious personal injury, or major property damage if ignored.

### **⚠ CAUTION**

Warns about hazards that may or can cause minor personal injury or property damage if ignored.

**NOTE** indicates special instructions not related to hazards.

Carefully read and follow all safety instructions in this manual and on equipment. Keep safety labels in good condition; replace if missing or damaged.

When installing and using this electrical equipment, basic safety precautions should always be followed, include the following:

**⚠ WARNING** Do not permit children to use this product.

**⚠ WARNING** **RISK OF ELECTRICAL SHOCK.** Connect only to a branch circuit protected by a ground-fault circuit-interrupter (GFCI). Contact a qualified electrician if you cannot verify that the circuit is protected by a GFCI.

**⚠ WARNING** This unit must be connected only to a supply circuit that is protected by a ground-fault circuit-interrupter (GFCI). Such a GFCI should be provided by the installer and should be tested on a routine basis. To test the GFCI, push the test button. The GFCI should interrupt power. Push the reset button. Power should be restored. If the GFCI fails to operate in this manner, the GFCI is defective. If the GFCI interrupts power to the pump without the test button being pushed, a ground current is flowing, indicating the possibility of an electric shock. Do not use this pump. Disconnect the pump and have the problem corrected by a qualified service representative before using.

**⚠ CAUTION** This pump is for use with permanent swimming pools and may also be used with hot tubs and spas if so marked. Do not use with storable pools. A permanently-installed pool is constructed in or on the ground or in a building such that it cannot be readily disassembled for storage. A storable pool is constructed so that it is capable of being readily disassembled for storage and reassembled to its original integrity.

## General Warnings

- Never open the inside of the drive motor enclosure. There is a capacitor bank that holds a 230 VAC charge even when there is no power to the unit.
- The pump is not submersible.
- The pump is capable of high flow rates; use caution when installing and programming to limit pumps performance potential with old or questionable equipment.
- Code requirements for the electrical connection differ from state to state. Install equipment in accordance with the National Electrical Code and all applicable local codes and ordinances.
- Before servicing the pump; switch OFF power to the pump by disconnecting the main circuit to the pump.
- This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) of reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning the use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.

**⚠ DANGER** FAILURE TO FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS BODILY INJURY OR DEATH. **THIS PUMP SHOULD BE INSTALLED AND SERVICED ONLY BY A QUALIFIED POOL SERVICE PROFESSIONAL. INSTALLERS, POOL OPERATORS AND OWNERS MUST READ THESE WARNINGS AND ALL INSTRUCTIONS IN THE OWNER'S MANUAL BEFORE USING THIS PUMP. THESE WARNINGS AND THE OWNER'S MANUAL MUST BE LEFT WITH THE POOL OWNER.**

**⚠ DANGER** SUCTION ENTRAPMENT HAZARD: STAY OFF THE MAIN DRAIN AND AWAY FROM ALL SUCTION OUTLETS!



THIS PUMP PRODUCES HIGH LEVELS OF SUCTION AND CREATES A STRONG VACUUM AT THE MAIN DRAIN AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BODY OF WATER. THIS SUCTION IS SO STRONG THAT IT CAN TRAP ADULTS OR CHILDREN UNDER WATER IF THEY COME IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO A DRAIN OR A LOOSE OR BROKEN DRAIN COVER OR GRATE.

THE USE OF UNAPPROVED COVERS OR ALLOWING USE OF THE POOL OR SPA WHEN COVERS ARE MISSING, CRACKED OR BROKEN CAN RESULT IN BODY OR LIMB ENTRAPMENT, HAIR ENTANGLEMENT, BODY ENTRAPMENT, Evisceration AND/OR DEATH.

The suction at a drain or outlet can cause:

**Limb Entrapment:** When a limb is sucked or inserted into an opening resulting in a mechanical bind or swelling. This hazard is present when a drain cover is missing, broken, loose, cracked or not properly secured.

**Hair Entanglement:** When the hair tangles or knots in the drain cover, trapping the swimmer underwater. This hazard is present when the flow rating of the cover is too small for the pump or pumps.

**Body Entrapment:** When a portion of the body is held against the drain cover trapping the swimmer underwater. This hazard is present when the drain cover is missing, broken or the cover flow rating is not high enough for the pump or pumps.

**Evisceration/Disembowelment:** When a person sits on an open pool (particularly a child wading pool) or spa outlet and suction is applied directly to the intestines, causing severe intestinal damage. This hazard is present when the drain cover is missing, loose, cracked, or not properly secured.



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**Mechanical Entrapment:** When jewelry, swimsuit, hair decorations, finger, toe or knuckle is caught in an opening of an outlet or drain cover. This hazard is present when the drain cover is missing, broken, loose, cracked, or not properly secured.

**NOTE: ALL SUCTION PLUMBING MUST BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LATEST NATIONAL AND LOCAL CODES, STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES.**

**⚠ WARNING** TO MINIMIZE THE RISK OF INJURY DUE TO SUCTION ENTRAPMENT HAZARD:

- A properly installed and secured ANSI/ASME A112.19.8 approved anti-entrapment suction cover must be used for each drain.
- Each suction cover must be installed at least three (3') feet apart, as measured from the nearest point to nearest point.
- Regularly inspect all covers for cracks, damage and advanced weathering.
- If a cover becomes loose, cracked, damaged, broken or is missing, replace with an appropriate certified cover.
- Replace drain covers as necessary. Drain covers deteriorate over time due to exposure to sunlight and weather.
- Avoid getting hair, limbs or body in close proximity to any suction cover, pool drain or outlet.
- Disable suction outlets or reconfigure into return inlets.

**⚠ WARNING** A clearly labeled emergency shut-off switch for the pump must be in an easily accessible, obvious place. Make sure users know where it is and how to use it in case of emergency.

**The Virginia Graeme Baker (VGB) Pool and Spa Safety Act** creates new requirements for owners and operators of commercial swimming pools and spas.

Commercial pools or spas constructed on or after December 19, 2008, shall utilize:

(A) A multiple main drain system without isolation capability with suction outlet covers that meet ASME/ANSI A112.19.8a Suction Fittings for Use in Swimming Pools, Wading Pools, Spas, and Hot Tubs and either:

- (i) A safety vacuum release system (SVRS) meeting ASME/ANSI A112.19.17 Manufactured Safety Vacuum Release systems (SVRS) for Residential and Commercial Swimming Pool, Spa, Hot Tub, and Wading Pool Suction Systems and/or ASTM F2387 Standard Specification for Manufactured Safety Vacuum Release Systems (SVRS) for Swimming pools, Spas and Hot Tubs or
- (ii) A properly designed and tested suction-limiting vent system or
- (iii) An automatic pump shut-off system.

Commercial pools and spas constructed prior to December 19, 2008, with a single submerged suction outlet shall use a suction outlet cover that meets ASME/ANSI A112.19.8a and either:

- (A) A SVRS meeting ASME/ANSI A112.19.17 and/or ASTM F2387, or
- (B) A properly designed and tested suction-limiting vent system, or
- (C) An automatic pump shut-off system, or
- (D) Disabled submerged outlets, or
- (E) Suction outlets shall be reconfigured into return inlets.

**For Installation of Electrical Controls at Equipment Pad (ON/OFF Switches, Timers and Automation Load Center)**

**⚠ CAUTION** Install all electrical controls at equipment pad, such as on/off switches, timers, and control systems, etc. to



allow the operation (startup, shut-down, or servicing) of any pump or filter so the user does not place any portion of his/her body over or near the pump strainer lid, filter lid or valve closures. This installation should allow the user enough space to stand clear of the filter and pump during system start-up, shut down or servicing of the system filter.

## **⚠ DANGER**



## **HAZARDOUS PRESSURE: STAND CLEAR OF PUMP AND FILTER DURING START UP**

Circulation systems operate under high pressure. When any part of the circulating system (i.e. locking ring, pump, filter, valves, etc.) is serviced, air can enter the system and become pressurized.

Pressurized air can cause the pump housing cover filter lid and valves to violently separate which can result in severe personal injury or death. Filter tank lid and strainer cover must be properly secured to prevent violent separation. Stand clear of all circulation system equipment when turning on or starting up pump.

Before servicing equipment, make note of the filter pressure. Be sure that all controls are set to ensure the system cannot inadvertently start during service. Turn off all power to the pump. **IMPORTANT: Place filter manual air relief valve in the open position and wait for all pressure in the system to be relieved.**

Before starting the system, fully open the manual air relief valve and place all system valves in the "open" position to allow water to flow freely from the tank and back to the tank. Stand clear of all equipment and start the pump.

**IMPORTANT: Do not close filter manual air relief valve until all pressure has been discharged from the valve and a steady stream of water appears.** Observe filter pressure gauge and be sure it is not higher than the pre-service condition.

## **General Installation Information**

- All work must be performed by a qualified service professional, and must conform to all national, state, and local codes.
- Install to provide drainage of compartment for electrical components.
- These instructions contain information for a variety of pump models and therefore some instructions may not apply to a specific model. All models are intended for use in swimming pool applications. The pump will function correctly only if it is properly sized to the specific application and properly installed.

**⚠ WARNING** Pumps improperly sized or installed or used in applications other than for which the pump was intended can result in severe personal injury or death. These risks may include but not be limited to electric shock, fire, flooding, suction entrapment or severe injury or property damage caused by a structural failure of the pump or other system component.

**⚠ WARNING** The pump can produce high levels of suction within the suction side of the plumbing system. These high levels of suction can pose a risk if a person comes within the close proximity of the suction openings. A person can be seriously injured by this high level of vacuum or may become trapped and drown. It is absolutely critical that the suction plumbing be installed in accordance with the latest national and local codes for swimming pools.

Warnings and safety instructions for Lifeguard Aquatics pumps and other related products are available at:

<http://www.lifeguardaquatics.com/literature> or call (562) 404-4129 for additional free copies of these instructions.

Please refer to <http://www.lifeguardaquatics.com> for warning and safety instructions related to this product.

**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**